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SUBJECT: MITTERRAND IN THE SOUTH WEST

SUMMARY: MITTERRAND'S PRE ELECTION VISIT TO THE SOUTH-WEST
STRESSED SOCIALIST DEVOTION TO THE COMMON PROGRAM AND ITS
COMPATIBILITY WITH THE NEED FOR DECENTRALIZATION. HE ALSO
CHIDED THE MAJORITY FOR ITS BANKRUPTCY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY
FOR PURSUING PARTISAN INTERESTS. END SUMMARY

SOCIALIST LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERRAND MADE A FINAL CAMPAIGN SWING
INTO THE DORDOGNE AND THE GIRONDE MARCH 9 TO BATTLE MAJORITY
LEADERS YVES GUENA AND ROBERT BOULIN AND TO ADDRESS A MASS
MEETING AT BORDEAUX.

ALIVE TO THE SPECIAL CONCERNS OF THE REGION, MITTERRAND USED
THE OCCASION TO STRESS HOW THE CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE
STRUCTURE OF THE STATE HAD BECOME THE TOOL OF THE RULING
CLASSES AND TRIED TO SUBSTITUTE ITSELF FOR THE POLITICAL
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POWER (WHICH REPRESENTS THE VOTERS). HE SOUGHT TO EQUATE
SOCIALISM WITH DECENTRALIZATION.

MILDLY CRITICIZING COMMUNIST INTRANSIGANCE, HE SAID THE
SOCIALISTS STOOD FIRMLY AND CONFIDENTLY UNITED BEHIND THE
COMMON PROGRAM, THE SOCIAL MEASURES OF WHICH "WILL BE IN
PLACE BEFORE THE SUMMER."

MITTERRAND SHOWED CONFIDENCE AND HUMOR IN SPEAKING OF "THE WORN OUT AND HARRASSED FORMER MAJORITY WHICH IS INCAPABLE OF PROPOSING A PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW --- WHO, SINCE THEY SPEAK ALL THE TIME AND HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, SPEAK ONLY OF US." THERE WAS ALSO A NEAT BARB FOR PRESIDENT GISCARD WHO HAS "A NOTE FOR EVERYONE FROM HIS LONELY LITTLE FLUTE."

THE PRINCIPAL INTEREST OF MITTERRAND S VISIT FOR MANY WAS ITS CONTRASTS WITH THOSE OF CHIRAC, MARCHAIS AND BARRE. EXCEPT FOR THE FINAL MASS MEETING IN THE PESSAC SUBURB OF BORDEAUX, IT WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED AND INFORMAL. INTEREST ALSO ATTACHED TO THE FACT THAT MITTERRAND S SON, GILBERT, IS THE SUPPLEANT TO PIERRE LART FOR WHOM MITTERRAND SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO FINANCE MINISTER ROBERT BOULIN, RPR, IN SAINTE-FOY-LA-FGRANDE AND LIBOURNE.

AT THE FINAL MASS MEETING, FOR WHICH HE WAS TWO HOURS LATE, MITTERRAND APPEARED SUPREMELY CONFIDENT AND SHOWED HIMSELF THE CONSUMATE ACTOR.

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